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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/802,716	Applicant(s) SALAMA, HUSSEIN FAROUK	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-14 are currently presented and have been examined.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 recites "creating at least two routing information database..." "Database" should be "databases".

Claim 1 also recites "receiving registration information from gateways..." In order to avoid antecedent basis issues, the claims should read "...at least two gateways..."

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication 2002/0114282 A1 to MeLampy et al.

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Regarding claim 1, MeLampy discloses a method for providing virtual private networks (paragraph 0011-0012) for voice over data network applications, the method comprising:

a) creating at least two routing information database (referred to throughout the reference as "telephony routing information base or "TRIB") on a location server; (paragraph 0109)

b) defining a virtual private network for each routing information database; (paragraph 0071 and 0072, specifically paragraph 0072, last sentence)

c) receiving registration information from gateways in communication with the location server; (paragraphs 0077 and 0105) and

d) associating each gateway with one of the virtual private networks. (paragraphs 0070, 0072, and 0109)

Regarding claim 2, MeLampy discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises assigning an identifier ("carrier name") for each virtual private network. (paragraph 0072, specifically the last sentence; paragraph 0091, specifically the last sentence)

Regarding claim 3, MeLampy discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises communicating the registration information to other location servers in the same

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network telephony administrative domain. (paragraphs 0067, 0105 and 0125)

Regarding claim 4, McLampy discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the data network uses Internet Protocol. (paragraph 0009)

Regarding claim 5, McLampy discloses the method of claim 4, wherein the routing information database is a telephony routing over IP routing information base. ("TRIB"; paragraph 0070)

Regarding claim 6, McLampy discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises leaking a global routing information database to a routing information database for a particular virtual private network. (paragraphs 0067, 0071, 0072, and 0114, specifically paragraph 0114)

Regarding claim 7, McLampy discloses a network device, comprising:

a) more than one routing information database; (paragraph 0109)

b) at least one port operable to receive registration information from gateways in communication with the network device; (paragraphs 0075, 0077, 0105, and 0453) and

c) an association table operable to associate each gateway with a routing information database, thereby associating each

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gateway with a virtual private network. (paragraphs 0070, 0072, and 0109)

Regarding claim 8, McLampy discloses the network device of claim 7, wherein the device further comprises an interface through which the device communicates with other devices having routing information databases to synchronize information contained in the routing information databases between the devices. (paragraphs 0067, 0075, 0105 and 0125)

Regarding claim 9, McLampy discloses the network device of claim 7, wherein the device is a server. (paragraph 0105)

Regarding claim 10, McLampy discloses the network device of claim 7, wherein the device is a router. (paragraph 0105)

Regarding claim 11, McLampy discloses an article including instructions that, when executed, result in:

a) creation of at least two routing information databases on a network device; (paragraph 0109)

b) definition of a virtual private network for each routing information database; (paragraph 0071 and 0072, specifically paragraph 0072, last sentence)

c) reception of registration information from gateways in communication with the location server; (paragraphs 0077 and 0105) and

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d) association of each gateway with one of the virtual private networks. (paragraphs 0070, 0072, and 0109)

Regarding claim 12, McLampy discloses the article of claim 10, wherein the article further comprises a downloadable file. (paragraph 0107)

Regarding claim 13, McLampy discloses the article of claim 10, wherein the article further comprises a processor having the instructions stored in memory. (paragraph 0107)

Regarding claim 14, McLampy discloses a network device, comprising;

a) means for providing more than one routing information base; (paragraph 0109)

b) means for defining a virtual private network for each routing information base; (paragraph 0071 and 0072, specifically paragraph 0072, last sentence)

c) means for receiving registration information from gateways in communication with the network device; (paragraphs 0077 and 0105) and

d) means for associating each gateway with one of the virtual private networks. (paragraphs 0070, 0072, and 0109)

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent 6 278 707 B1 to MacMillan et al;

US Patent 6 529 499 B1 to Doshi et al;

US Patent 6 741 585 B1 to Munoz et al;

US Patent Application Publication 20020027915 A1 to Foti et al;

US Patent Application Publication 20020075844 A1 to Hagen et al;

US Patent Application Publication 20020112073 A1 to MeLampy et al;

US Patent Application Publication 20020145975 A1 to MeLampy et al;

US Patent Application Publication 20020169887 A1 to MeLampy et al;

Rosenberg, J. and Schulzrinne, H. "Request for Comments (RFC) 2871: A Framework for Telephony Routing over IP", June 2000, 25 pages.

NOTE: Effective 29 October 2004, the examiner will be moving to a new office location and may be reached at 571-272-3918.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C. Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is 703-305-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Thursday 1-2pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 703-308-5221. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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